

Application No.: 10/728,701
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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 2, lines 8-9, please insert "10/670,961" as follows:

In applicant's pending U.S. patent application, US patent application serial number 10/670,961, applicant disclosed numerous enclosed opening means that are designed to be enclosed within the container to seal a liquid in the container and to allow the release of the liquid easily and reliably. One of the design for the enclosed opening means comprises of a cylinder with an outside diameter approximately that of the inside diameter of an elongated tubular housing defining a small liquid flow path from the open end of the elongated tubular housing to the liquid. The end near the liquid has an elongated protrusion that is smaller in diameter than the cylindrical body of the enclosed opening means and is separable from the cylindrical body of the enclosed opening means. The elongated protrusion seals the small liquid flow path in the cylinder and prevents the liquid in the elongated tubular housing from being released through the enclosed opening means. When the elongated tubular housing is bent near the junction between the elongated protrusion and the cylindrical body of the enclosed opening means, the elongated protrusion will be separated from the cylindrical body and the small liquid path is exposed for the liquid to be released from the elongated tubular housing through the opening means.

On page 5, line 6, please change “fluid 4” to “fluid 5” as follows:

Figures 1 and 2 show the preferred embodiment of the enclosed opening means. In the preferred embodiment, the enclosed opening means is used in an elongated tubular housing 1 with a sealed end 2 and an open end 3. An applicator tip 4 such as a cotton swab, a foam tip, or a brush may be affixed to the open end 3 of the elongated tubular housing 1. A fluid 5 is enclosed within the elongated tubular housing 1 near the sealed end 2. An enclosed opening means 6 is disposed inside the elongated tubular housing 1 sealing the fluid 5 within the elongated tubular housing 1. The opening means 6 is operated by bending the elongated tubular housing 1 at or near the enclosed opening means 6. The opening means 6 may be disposed at any location within the elongated tubular housing 1. As shown in figure 1, the opening means 6 may be positioned near the open end 3 of the elongated tubular housing 1 to allow the maximum amount of fluid ~~[[4]]~~ 5 and to allow bending of the elongated tubular housing 1 by pressing the open end 3 on a surface to open the opening means 6. As shown in figure 2, the opening means 6 may also be positioned away from the open end 3 of the elongated tubular housing 1 thereby the bending of the elongated tubular housing 1 may be accomplished without contact with the open end 3 of the elongated tubular housing 1 if an applicator tip 4 such as a cotton swab is affixed to the open end 3.